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In re Application of:

Baluswamy et al.

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SEMICONDUCTOR TARGETS AND
METHOD OF MAKING THE SAME (as
amended)

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Examiner: M. Pizarro Crespo

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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Sir:

The Examiner indicates:

None of the references of record shows or can be fairly combined to render obvious a method for forming an overlay target including a series of raised lines, the method comprising a step of depositing a second layer of material such that the lower surface of the second material is contiguous to a portion of the overlay

target and the upper portion of said material does not conform to the topography of the overlay target, and wherein said material is substantially free, as deposited, of depressions in the portion covering the overlay target.

Applicants concur with the reasons as stated by the Examiner insofar as they comprise a summary, and are exemplary and not limiting. However, the independent claims as allowed include other and different language than that specified by the Examiner, and the allowed dependent claims include other and further features and elements. Accordingly, the scope of the claims must be determined from the literal language of each as a whole, as well as equivalents thereof.

Respectfully submitted,



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Sir:

Applicants submit herewith Part B - Fee(s) Transmittal for the above-captioned application and a check in the amount of \$1,345.00 in payment therefor plus five (5) copies of the patent when issued.

Also, enclosed is an Amendment Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.312(a) (14pages), plus attached Replacement Sheets of Drawings (2 sheets) and Annotated Sheets Showing Changes Made (2 sheets); Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance (2 pages); and Fee Addressee for Receipt of PTO Notices Relating to Maintenance Fees (2 pages).

Applicants understand that no additional fees are required. However, if the Office determines that any comparison fees or other additional fees are required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any such fees to TraskBritt Deposit Account No. 20-1469. A copy of this Transmittal Letter is enclosed for deposit account charging purposes.

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